

## REMARKS

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Claims 1, 3 and 7 have been amended, and support for the amended claims language can be found, *inter alia*, in the original claims as filed, and in the specification at page 4 lines 29-32. Accordingly, the amendments are not deemed to constitute new matter. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are therefore presently pending in the case.

### **II. Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**


The Communication concerns a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, since in the Request for Continuing Examination, Amendment and Response to Final office Action filed May 5, 2005, not all claims were provided with the proper status identifier. In response, Applicants provide herein a complete listing of all claims in the above-referenced case with the proper status identifiers.

Applicants submit that as the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 have now been met in their entirety, the present amendment is in condition for entry into the case. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the present amendment.

### **III. Conclusion**

The present document is a full and complete response to the Communication. In conclusion, Applicants submit that, in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If Examiner Bertoglio feels that a telephone call would expedite the consideration of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (281) 863-3333.

Respectfully submitted,



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